Appendix A

"Clean Version of Claims"

What is claimed is:

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61. (new) A device for use on a trampoline comprising:

a board having a front end, and a back end, wherein said front end and said back end are each curved up from a horizontal plane of said board;

at least one securing member secured to said board, said at least one securing member adapted to receive a user's feet; and

a non-slip gripping layer disposed substantially co-extensively on said board to prevent said user's feet from slipping and to facilitate the gripping of the board by said user's hand.

62. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said board is of a shape selected from a group comprised of generally ovular, generally circular, generally rectangular, generally hexagonal, and generally elliptical.

63. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said board is a substantially shallow and generally elongated U-shape.

64. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said board is made of a material selected from a group comprised of foam and polyurethane.

65. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said at least one securing member is made of a material selected from a group comprised of a rubber, a rubber-like material, a plastic, a leather, a foam, and a nylon or other synthetic material.

66. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said at least one securing member further includes an adjustment mechanism.

67. (new) The device of claim 66, wherein said adjustment mechanism is selected from a group comprised of a strap with a buckle, a stretchable material, and a hook-and-loop mechanism.

68. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said at least one securing member consists of a first securing member and a second securing member or a single securing member to secure both of said user's feet to said board.

69. (new) The device of claim 68, wherein said first securing member arranged in at an angle to said second securing member.

70. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said at least one securing member further includes at least one heel securing member.

71. (new) The device of claim 70, wherein said at least one heel securing member further includes an adjustment mechanism.

72. (new) The device of claim 70, wherein said at least one securing member and said at least one heel securing member are secured to said board by a mechanism selected from a group comprised of a screw, and a plurality of holes penetrating said board and said at least one securing member and said at least one heel securing member each penetrating one of said plurality of holes and being tied off in a knot at a bottom surface of said board.

73. (new) The device of claim 72, wherein said bottom surface further includes a plurality of recesses to accommodate each of said screw or said knot.

74. (new) The device of claim 61, wherein said non-slip gripping layer has a plurality of holes, said board has a plurality of recesses, and each of said at least one securing member penetrates said plurality of holes of said non-slip layer and is secured to said board using a screw or by being tied off in a knot, said knot or a protrusion of said screw being within one of said plurality of recesses within said board.

75. (new) A device comprising:

a board having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front end, and a back end, wherein said front end and said back end are each curved up from a horizontal plane of said board, forming a substantially shallow and generally elongated U-shape;

a non-slip gripping layer rigidly securely to said top surface of said board disposed substantially over said entire top surface of said board to prevent

a user's feet from slipping and to facilitate the gripping of the board by said user's hand; and

two securing members attached to said board, each of said two securing members adapted to receive one of said user's feet and creating an interference fit between said user's feet and said board.

76. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein said board is of a shape selected from a group comprised of generally ovular, generally circular, generally rectangular, generally hexagonal, and generally elliptical.

77. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein said board is made of a material selected from a group comprised of foam and polyurethane.

78. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein said board is made of a non-slip material.

79. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein each of said two securing members is made of a material selected from a group comprised of a rubber, a rubber-like material, a plastic, a leather, a foam, and a nylon or other synthetic material.

80. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein each of said two securing members further includes an adjustment mechanism.

81. (new) The device of claim 80, wherein said adjustment mechanism is selected from a group comprised of a strap with a buckle, a stretchable material, and a hook-and-loop mechanism.

82. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein said two securing members are arranged in at an angle to one another.

83. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein at least one of said two securing members further includes a heel securing member.

84. (new) The device of claim 83, wherein said heel securing member further includes an adjustment mechanism.

85. (new) The device of claim 83, wherein said at least one securing member and said at least one heel securing member are secured to said board by a mechanism selected from a group comprised of a screw, and a plurality of holes penetrating said board and said at least one securing member and said at least one heel securing member each penetrating one of said plurality of holes and being tied off in a knot at a bottom surface of said board.

86. (new) The device of claim 85, wherein said bottom surface further includes a plurality of recesses to accommodate each of said screw or said knot.

87. (new) The device of claim 75, wherein said non-slip gripping layer has a plurality of holes, said board has a plurality of recesses, and each of said at least one securing member penetrates said plurality of holes of said non-slip layer and is secured to said board using a screw or by being tied off in a knot, said knot or a protrusion of said screw being within one of said plurality of recesses within said board.

88. (new) A device used for playing on a trampoline comprising:

a board having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front end, and a back end, wherein said front end and said back end are both curved upward from a horizontal plane of said trampoline, forming a substantially shallow and generally elongated U-shape;

a non-slip gripping layer adhered to and substantially coextensive with said top surface of said board, said non-slip gripping layer preventing a user's feet from slipping and to facilitate gripping of said board by said user's hand; and

a securing member adapted to receive both of said user's feet, said securing member penetrating through said board and attached to said board at said bottom surface.

89. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said board is of a shape selected from a group comprised of generally ovular, generally circular, generally rectangular, generally hexagonal, generally hexagonal, and generally elliptical.

90. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said board is made of a material selected from a group comprised of foam and polyurethane.

91. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said securing member is made of a material selected from a group comprised of a rubber, a rubber-like material, a plastic, a leather, a foam, and a nylon or other synthetic material.

92. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said securing member further includes an adjustment mechanism.

93. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 92, wherein said adjustment mechanism is selected from a group comprised of a strap with a buckle, a stretchable material, and a hook-and-loop mechanism.

94. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said securing member further includes a heel securing member.

95. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 94, wherein said heel securing member further include an adjustment mechanism.

96. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 94, wherein said heel securing member is secured to said board by a mechanism selected from a group comprised of a screw, and a plurality of holes penetrating said board with each of said heel securing members penetrating one of said plurality of holes and being tied off in a knot at a bottom surface of said board.

97. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 96, wherein said bottom surface of said board further includes a plurality of recesses to accommodate each of said screw or said knot.

98. (new) The device used for playing on a trampoline of claim 88, wherein said non-slip gripping layer has a plurality of holes, said board has a plurality of recesses, and said securing member penetrates said plurality of holes of said non-slip layer and is secured to said board using a screw or by being tied off in a knot, said knot or a protrusion of said screw being within one of said plurality of recesses within said board.